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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/50/842)]

50/216. Questions relating to the proposed
programme budget for the biennium
1996-1997

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights
and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive
Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary General 1/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 2/
2. Approves the estimate of 7,124,800 United States dollars for the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, under section 3 (Peace-keeping operations and special missions) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 3/
3. Authorizes the Secretary General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding a monthly level of 2,329,700 dollars should the mandate of the Mission be extended beyond 31 March 1996;

1/ A/C.5/50/26.

2/ A/50/7/Add.9.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session,
Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

II

Revised estimates under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination), section 32 (Staff assessment) and income section 1 (Income from staff assessment)

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under section 1 (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination), section 32 (Staff assessment) and income section 1 (Income from staff assessment) 4/ of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 3/

2. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 5/ to approve a temporary post at the Under-Secretary-General level, as requested by the Secretary-General, and that such additional appropriation as might be required should be reflected in the performance report for the biennium 1996-1997;

III

Integrated Management Information System project:
seventh progress report of the Secretary-General

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 6/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 7/

IV

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 8/
2. Approves the recommendation thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 9/
3. Requests the Secretary-General to address the issues raised by the Advisory Committee concerning the conditions of service of members of the

4/ A/C.5/50/40.

5/ A/50/7/Add.10, para. 6.

6/ A/C.5/50/35.

7/ See A/C.5/50/SR.41.

8/ A/C.5/50/18.

9/ A/50/7/Add.11, para. 14.

International Court of Justice in the context of the next review, at the fifty-third session of the General Assembly;

V

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board 10/

Approves the recommendation of a subvention of 220,000 dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1996, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2 (Political affairs) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 3/

VI

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 11/
2. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report thereon to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fiftieth session, in accordance with established procedures;

VII

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1995 to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, 12/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 13/

1. Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

10/ A/50/416, annex II, para. 48.

11/ A/C.5/50/12.

12/ A/50/312.

13/ A/50/7/Add.1.

2. Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 40,208,300 dollars net for the biennium 1996-1997 and an increase in expenses of 835,500 dollars net for the biennium 1994-1995, for the administration of the Fund;

3. Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

VIII

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 19,427,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund; 14/

IX

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General 15/ at its resumed fiftieth session, and, pending a decision on the Secretary-General's proposal, to authorize him to continue with the current arrangements until a decision is taken on the basis of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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14/ A/C.5/50/49, para. 3.

15/ A/C.5/50/30.





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50/217. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for
the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1996-1997 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 5 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 1996-1997, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

- (i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 300,000 dollars;
- (ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;
- (iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;
- (iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation

grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 180,000 dollars;

- (v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1996-1997, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

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50/218. Working Capital Fund for the biennium
1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;
2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1996;
3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:
 - (a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;
 - (b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/232 of 23 December 1993;
4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1996-1997;
5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 50/217 of 23 December 1995 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1996-1997, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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